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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Dear Sir:

This communication responds to the Office Action mailed on February 8, 2005. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the rejections in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 8.

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